

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu with wife Daisy Chu at the Community Health Resource Fair on October 7, 2012.



Councilmembers Chu, Kalra, and Rocha with Mayor Reed proclaiming October as Filipino American Heritage Month on October 23, 2012.



Councilmember Chu at District 4's 2nd Annual "Let's Give!" Donation & E-Waste Drive on November 10, 2012.

Newsletter Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

The holidays are a time of love and laughter for most of us as well as a time for getting together with people we care about. But for many, the holiday season presents a unique opportunity to help those in need in our community; whether we choose to make a financial donation, donate new toys or clothes, volunteer our time and talents, or participate in our holiday drive. Together, we can all make a difference in our communities. Even the smallest contribution can make a difference to those who are struggling.

If you're looking for ways to get involved, please consider joining a neighborhood association or volunteer through citywide programs such as Adopt-A-Park/Trail, Graffiti and Litter Clean-Ups, or at your local community center or library. In this season of sharing, I hope that you will be

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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
FROM
COUNCILMEMBER
KANSEN CHU
AND THE
DISTRICT 4
TEAM**

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Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so you can be added to the email list.
District 4 Website: <http://tinyurl.com/sjdistrict4>

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Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER

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able to give a little of your time and energy to make our community an even better place to live, work, and play.

In the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to wish each of you a peaceful and joyous time to celebrate with family and friends and much happiness in the coming New Year!



Happy holidays,
Kansen

Donation and E-Waste Drives in District 4



Councilmember Chu with wife Daisy Chu, D4 Staff, HOPE Services Staff, and volunteers at the donations drive on November 10, 2012.

the Employment Development Director at HOPE Services came up with the idea of working with my office to organize monthly donation and e-waste drives at different locations in District 4 starting in 2013. I am excited to continue my partnership with HOPE Services and to benefit programs and services provided by HOPE, and make a difference in the community.

The 2nd Annual "Let's Give" Donation and E-Waste Drive at Summerdale Elementary School in November was a major success! I worked with HOPE Services to collect shoes/clothing, electronic waste, and household goods to support employment and job training programs, children's services, senior services, and assist those with developmental disabilities. Neighbors and community members arrived by car, bicycle, and foot to donate over 4,500 pounds of electronic waste and 1,450 pounds of clothing and household items. Because this donation drive and others in the past were hugely successful, John Koncoli,



Community members pulling up to the Hope Services Truck to donate their goods.

5th Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Berryessa Community Center



I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to attend the **5th Annual Breakfast with Santa** event on Saturday, December 8, 2012, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Berryessa Community Center. Come join us for a hot and hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage! There will be free pictures with Santa, arts and crafts for children, and a raffle. You can also help spread the holiday spirit by bringing nonperishable or canned food items that will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Those donating items will receive extra raffle tickets for prizes.

Pre-Registration Price: \$7 for adults and children. Infants under 1 year will be admitted for free. Pre-register by Friday, December 7th. Register in person at the Berryessa Community Center, fax at 408-251-7687, or online at www.sanjose.gov/prns by looking up Course Number 212.2.1301. All proceeds support future programming at the Berryessa Community Center.

(Walk-ins are welcome during the day of the event at \$10 per person.)



Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group
Meets every 1st Thursday
at 6:00PM at the
South Bay Yacht Club
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce
Meets every 2nd Wednesday
at 6:00PM at the
Alviso Library
Contact: Charles Taylor
charles@tomato.com

**Berryessa Citizens
Advisory Council**
Meets every 2nd Monday
at 7:00PM at the
Berryessa Community Ctr
Contact: Ty Greaves
tgreaves@sbcglobal.net

**River Oaks
Neighborhood Association**
Meets every 1st Thursday
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park
Neighborhood Association**
Scheduled as needed
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

If you are interested in starting
a neighborhood group,
please contact my office at
district4@sanjoseca.gov
or call (408) 535-4904
for assistance.

Updates on District 4 Parks

I am pleased to announce that we are moving forward with two long awaited projects in District 4: Commodore Park and Noble Dog Park. I strongly believe that parks and open space contribute to the overall quality of life in our community.

Since I was elected in 2007, I have remained committed to the completion of the long awaited Commodore Park. The new park will be located at the intersection of Commodore Drive and North Jackson Avenue and will include playgrounds, fitness stations, picnic area, and parking. This park has been placed on hold due to the lack of maintenance dollars. For the past few years, my staff and I have worked closely with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, Berryessa Union School District, San Jose Parks Foundation, and community members to move this park project forward.

With the approval of the pilot program for new park facilities approved by the City Council in December 2010, we were able to accept in-lieu fees from the developer of the Pepper Lane project, located on Berryessa and Jackson, to support maintenance costs for the Commodore Park over the next several years. We are on track to award the project early next year, which would officially start the construction phase of the project. The completion of Commodore Park is anticipated for the end of 2013.



In addition, a dog park in District 4 has been long-awaited by the community. Over the past few years, my office has worked with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services to revisit this project and have considered several locations. The proposed Noble Dog Park, located on Noble Avenue, is moving through the pipeline.

Since the community meeting earlier in the year, the City's Environmental Services Department has done a review of the soil and is in the process of preparing the master plan and construction documents for this project. **I would like to invite you to a community meeting that will take place on Thursday, January 24th at the Berryessa Branch Library from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.** Attend this informational meeting to learn more about the proposed dog park and parking options. Based on the input from this meeting, the City will prepare a draft master plan.

Once the master plan is drafted, it would then be reviewed by the City's Planning Department, followed by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and will then be brought to the City Council for adoption and approval. It is my goal as well as staff's goal to have the project ready for bid by next year and completed in the Fall of 2014.



Nominate an Outstanding District 4 Community Member



Councilmember Chu with nominees at the District 4 Community Recognition Event on February 11, 2012.

It is an honor for me to once again open nominations to recognize the heroes and heroines within our community. We have many outstanding individuals and groups in our community who dedicate their time and efforts in making our homes, neighborhoods, and businesses better places to live, work, and play. I ask you for your help to nominate these unsung heroes so that we can acknowledge and celebrate their work.

Nominees must describe how the individual or group has made a positive impact in the District 4 community. Please submit your nomination to my office by December 14, 2012 by contacting Michelle Nguyen at 408-535-4904 or via email at Michelle.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents to get more involved in their communities. I strongly believe that the involvement of residents is one of the most vital components to building a better community. I encourage residents to increase their community involvement through more participation in neighborhood groups, volunteering, and civic engagement. We need your help and support in order to continue making the City of San Jose a great place to live, work, and play for all of us. Together, we can make a difference in our neighborhoods, communities, and City.

Trumark Homes Development Project

The Trumark Homes development project located at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Sierra Road is underway. The project consists of 94 townhomes at the former four acre Christmas tree lot and pumpkin patch site. Site demolition and mass site grading have been completed. The sewer system has been installed onsite and the storm drain is currently being installed. All perimeter (Havenwood, Sierra, and Capitol Avenue) site concrete is complete. Pavement of the new half street on Havenwood Drive is also complete, as well as necessary patchwork done on Sierra Road and North Capitol Avenue. The new retaining wall and fence is scheduled to be installed in the first week of December 2012 north of the property line. Work is scheduled to begin on the model home foundation on Monday, December 3, 2012.



For further questions about this development, please contact Erik Schoennauer with The Schoennauer Company at (408) 947-7774 or via email at es@stanfordalumni.org.

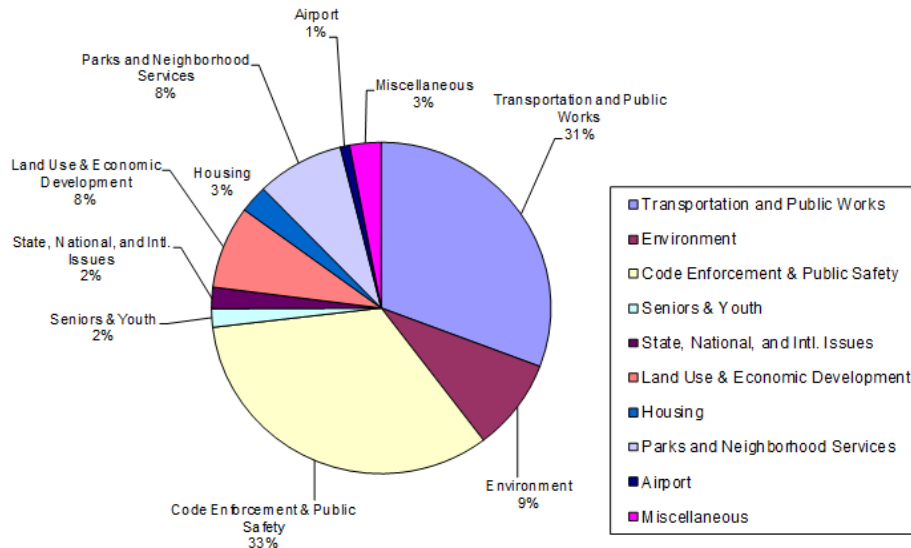
Building Restoration in Alviso

The shed located behind the current Alviso Policing Station on Taylor Street is deteriorating. There is strong support from members of the Alviso community to salvage the building before it collapses. My office has been working closely with the Public Works Department and Alviso residents to restore this historic building. City staff plan to lay out a work plan that will include taking an architectural salvage team to inspect the building, have an open discussion with the community regarding the next steps, and set the time frame for construction. Community members have expressed interest in using the building as a meeting space or turning it into a small museum exhibiting pieces of Alviso history. I have high hopes that City staff and Alviso residents will continue to work together to restore this valuable Alviso structure. I encourage you to share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions by contacting my office at (408) 535-4904 or via email at District4@sanjoseca.gov.





2012 District 4 Constituent Issues and Inquiries



I would like to take a moment to thank you for reaching out to my office regarding your concerns and ideas for District 4. Throughout the years, I have met with many of you and heard your thoughts and issues regarding various significant City-related matters. A pie chart displays the percentage and different types of inquiries and concerns for the entire year. I would like to encourage you to continue sharing your ideas with my office. I hope to meet with you during my community office hours, community meetings, and events within the District.



Councilmember Chu at Santa Clara County Arts Showcase with Yennie Shyu of Sierramont Middle School on October 18, 2012.



Community members recognize Disability Awareness Day at San Jose City Hall on October 12, 2012.



Councilmember Chu at Haris Khawaja's Eagle Court of Honor on November 11, 2012.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, December 15, 2012

6:00PM-8:00PM

Panera Bread
1706 Oakland Road

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

6:00PM-8:00PM

North San Jose Starbucks
31 Rio Robles East

Since I was elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed over 200 hours to receiving feedback and providing assistance to residents in 200 cases. Over the past four years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you at my community office hour sessions. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours that take place once a month at various locations in the district so that I may be of assistance to you all.

Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book an appointment.

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.





City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 423-1706

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(866) 249-0543

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 715-6557

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3500

Our City Forrest

(408) 998-7337

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 794-1903

Street Sweeping

(408) 283-4800

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2762

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, District Director

stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Land Use, Budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Intergovernmental Relations, Labor, Personnel, Intern Coordination, and Media Relations.



Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant

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Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.

Sheila Ngo, Policy Analyst

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North San José Neighborhood, Land Use, Environmental Policy, Airport, Economic Development, Social Media, and Constituent Services.



Michelle Nguyen, Council Assistant

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FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Newsletter, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, Event Planning, and Neighborhood Watch.



DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

3 BART to BERRYESSA COMMUNITY MEETING

6:00PM-7:30PM

Vinci Park Elementary School
Multi-Use Room

1311 Vinci Park Way

DECEMBER

5 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

6:00PM-8:00PM

Panera Bread

1706 Oakland Road

Please call (408) 535-4904 to
schedule an appointment.

6 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

6:00PM-8:00PM

South Bay Yacht Club

1491 Hope Street

Contact Betty Brown at betty@maileater.net.

RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:00PM-8:00PM

Premier Pizza

670 River Oaks Parkway

Contact Jean Marlowe at marlowe@ro-na.org

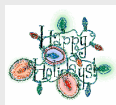
8 BREAKFAST with SANTA

9:00AM-11:00AM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

Contact Michelle Nguyen at
(408) 535-4906 for more info.



10 BERRYESSA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00PM-8:30PM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

City Hall Closed

NOTE: City Hall will be closed
between December 24th to
January 1st. City Hall Customer
Service Lines will still be open to
take calls at (408) 535-3500.

3 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

6:00PM-8:00PM

South Bay Yacht Club

1491 Hope Street

JANUARY

9 ALVISO WATER TASKFORCE

6:00PM-8:00PM

Alviso Branch Library

5050 North First Street

Contact Charles Taylor at
charles@tomato.com.



10 RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:00PM-8:00PM

Premier Pizza **MOVED**

670 River Oaks Parkway

10 BERRYESSA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00PM-8:30PM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

16 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

6:00PM-8:00PM

North San José Starbucks

31 Rio Robles East

Please call (408) 535-4904 to
schedule an appointment.

21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

City Hall Closed



Councilmember Chu with volunteers at the
2nd Annual Spooky Halloween and Haunted
House on October 19, 2012.



Councilmember Chu at Majestic Way
Elementary School's International Walk to
School Day on October 3, 2012.



Community members participating in the
District 4 First Aid & CPR Training on
November 3, 2012.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626
Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



Celebrating 25 Years

Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!

(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Help an Adult Improve Their Reading and Writing!

Become a volunteer tutor for the adult literacy program, Partners in Reading, at the San Jose Public Library (SJPL). One-on-one tutoring will take place within branches of the SJPL & other public sites in San Jose. All sessions are required and participants must register in advance.

Partners in Reading • (408) 808-2361



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<https://twitter.com/kansenchu>

<http://lnkd.in/AVujvU>

